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SERIAL: [REDACTED]

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FOR SCJ2-IAD; CINCLANT FOR J24, AFOSIDIST7 FOR IVO;
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CNO FOR OP-009; CDRUSAITAC FOR IAX-SO-I; CDRISTSF FOR
SFOD-D; COMJSOC FOR J2; MACOSINCEN FOR INW; USAFSQS
FOR EDIL; SECSTATE FOR NSC FOR MENGES/OLIVER NORTH
<> COUNTRY: (U) <><>COLOMBIA<><> (CO) AND BRAZIL (BR)

SUBJ: [REDACTED]/CUCUTA VISIT (U)

WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY
EVALUATED INTEL

DOI: (U) 831201

REQ: (U) K-OS1-00046 G-OSG-42744 AND 7-DI3-CO-240

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: (U) CUCUTA (0830N/07240W) IS AN ACTIVE CITY
WITH ABOUT 140,000 INHABITANTS. PRIMARY ECONOMIC
ACTIVITY WAS CROSS BORDER COMMERCE WITH VE. DEVALUATION
OF VE BOLIVAR HAS SEVERLY DEPRESSED THIS ACTIVITY.

TEXT: 1. (U) RO VISITED CUCUTA 831118. IT IS LOCATED
IN A MOUNTIANOUS VALLEY WITH ROLLING HILLS. IT IS
USUALLY QUITE WINDY AND HILLS CREATE SEVERE WIND CURRENTS.
A CROSS WIND OF 25-40 KNOTS ACROSS LANDING FIELD IS
NOT UNCOMMON. ONE'S QUICK IMPRESSION OF CITY - REASONABLY
CLEAN, ROADS IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION, LOTS OF SHOPS.
RO WAS TOLD THAT A NEW SHOPPING CENTER WAS 70 PERCENT
UNOCCUPIED DUE TO VE BOLIVAR DEVALUATION.

2. (C/NOFORN) LOCAL MILITARY UNIT IS: 5TH CAV GP (MECH)
MAZA. CDR SAID SECURITY SITUATION IN CUCUTA WAS
NORMAL WITH NO MAJOR SUBVERSIVE PROBLEMS. HOWEVER,
HE TOLD ACCOMPANYING EMBOFF THAT THE GUERRILLAS (MAINLY
FARC AND ELN) WERE PROSELYTIZING AMONG THE POOR,
ESPECIALLY INDIANS, IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD A BASE OF
SUPPORT FOR FUTURE EXPANSION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THEY
HAD HAD TWO TRANSMISSIONS BURN UP ON BRAZILIAN MANUFACTURED
CASCAVAL ARMORED CARS WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO POOR
MAINTENANCE. RO HAD BEEN TOLD BY U.S. ARMORED CAR
SALESMAN THAT CASCAVAL HAD TURRET PROBLEMS. CDR OF CAV GP
SAID THEY HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH TURRETS.

3. (U) RO VISITED WITH AMB PARTY A VERY MODERN
REGIONAL MEDICAL FACILITY BEING CONSTRUCTED IN CUCUTA.
IT WILL HAVE 500 BEDS, 4 OPERATING ROOMS, INTENSIVE
CARE WARDS, ETC. CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR
EIGHT YEARS. ABOUT ANOTHER YEAR WILL BE REQUIRED IF
NECESSARY FUNDING IS RECEIVED. THIS WAS CITED AS A
CONTINUING BATTLE. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT CIVIL AUTHORITIES

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TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THIS MONUMENTAL PROJECT, WHICH
<> WILL BE THE LARGEST MEDICAL FACILITY IN <><>COLOMBIA<><>.
COMMENTS: (U) RO WAS IMPRESSED BY CIVIC SPIRIT OF
POPULATION AND ALTHOUGH CURRENTLY FINANCIALLY DEPRESSED,
BELIEVES CUCUTA WILL COME BOUNCING BACK. OIL DISCOVERIES
IN ARAUCA EVENTUALLY WILL BE A BIG BOOST A& CUCUTA
WILL PROBABLY BE TERMINAL SHIPMENT POINT AND BASE FOR
OIL PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION.

PROJ: (U) N/A

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